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TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS.

"Only persons registered in the general county register and such persons who may be eligible to register at the time they seek to enroll as members of the precinct club, shall be eligible to membership in the precinct club."—From the rules of the Republican party of the territory.

Mr. Voter, if you intend to take part in the nominations Friday night, in the primaries, the convention and the campaign, you must register. The city and county clerk's office will be open until 4 o'clock each day. Register today!

ASLEEP TO THE ISSUE

An investment in political alarm clocks would pay a hundred per cent. to voters of Honolulu just now.

There are many conflicting issues in the campaign, as in any campaign, but there is no conflict of issues on the question of good government, efficient government, and bad government, inefficient government, except as there will be a conflict between good candidates and bad candidates.

There will be as candidates businessmen of the very highest ability and most sterling integrity, and there will be money-seeking, wire-pulling, office-grabbing politicians of the very lowest ability and the most brazen selfishness.

And yet the voters are not awake to this issue. They are not awake to the fight for efficiency in office that will fail unless they do wake.

That's why political alarm clocks are needed.

CHINA'S DISCONTENT

Cable reports of the internal strife developing in China may be exaggerated, but there is no question of growing discomfort under the iron rule of Gen. Yuan Shih-Kai and growing demand on the part of the new republic's leaders that the president shall step out of office.

Yuan Shih-Kai is a great military strategist, great, at least, in his limited circle of activity; he is considerable of a statesman and as an administrator of a well-ordered government he would probably have success, but he does not appear to be the man needed to bring struggling China out of her present position.

The republic was founded on ideals of social and economic freedom, as every republic has been founded. It was established as a rebellion against the domination of the Manchus, their greed, their selfish government; their corruption and indifference to modern progress. How could it be expected that a man who, say his enemies, exemplifies many of the traits so hated in the Manchus, could satisfy the hundreds of thousands of young Chinese who are fighting for their political and industrial freedom?

Yuan Shih-Kai is said by all who know him to be devoted to China, but his devotion has taken the form of stern repression for anything but his own ideas and aims. The failure of the present administration to finance China in a period of severe distress, has reflected on the president. The climax came in his orders for the execution of Gen. Chang Chen Wu, accused of complicity in a rebel plot. It still remains to be seen whether this rebel plot was a revolt by ambitious malcontents against the young republic or a protest against Yuan Shih-Kai's merciless methods of administration.

DRIVING OUT "DAGO RED"

In the campaign against "dago red", the vile concoction which drives its victims to temporary madness and is responsible for much unspeakable crime and degradation in this community, it has been found that many of the cheap wines are mixed with absinthe here, and

part of the campaign is therefore directed against absinthe, too.

By an order from the secretary of agriculture, dated July 12 last, absinthe is declared tabooed under the food and drugs act. Part of that order is here quoted:

"It is generally recognized in countries which have had experience with the sale and consumption of absinthe that this beverage is dangerous to health. Importations of absinthe into the United States are prohibited both because they come from countries which forbid or restrict its manufacture or sale and because these products are injurious to the health of the people of the United States. The secretary of agriculture therefore will regard as adulterated under the foods and drugs act absinthe which, on and after October 1, 1912, is manufactured or offered for sale in the District of Columbia, or the Territories, or shipped in interstate commerce or offered for importation into the United States."

A great part of the terrible effect of "dago red" in Hawaii is declared to be due to the mixture of absinthe in the cheap and "young" wines. After October 1 there ought to be no excuse for this mixture. Absinthe can be kept out of the territory. This is one step toward driving out the vilest form of booze with which law and order here have to contend.

DRESSING UP OUR DIPLOMATS

Americans are not greatly interested, as a rule, in what sort of garb their official representatives see fit to clothe themselves, but most Americans resent the idea of any garb that carries the air either of lackeyship or pomp.

Now comes Hon. John G. A. Leishman, not long ago an humble citizen of Pittsburg and a seller of steel, who has revived the question of the proper dress for American diplomats abroad. Rather, he has settled it, so far as he is concerned, for Leishman has designed a dress for himself and his secretarial staff that is glitteringly impressive with gold braid and plumed hats.

It is an old story that the first American diplomatic uniform was that of an American ambassador at St. Petersburg who protested that he was tired of being mistaken for a waiter or a butler. Nobody believed this man; his anxiety to break into the gold-braid class was taken as evidence of his conversion to European ways. On the other hand, Uncle Sam's millions of people felt a chesty swell of pride when another diplomat declared that an American needed no glitter of tinsel and fringed epaulet to secure recognition from any court, that an American gentleman's dress was his dress! And the thought of a plain American gentleman, dignified and at ease in his suit of sober black, amid the gorgeous foppery of European courts, has doubtless been a cheering one to many a poor American youth.

Hon. Mr. Leishman may please himself with his incursion into the realm of personal adornment, but it is not typical of his nation, and let us sincerely hope it never will be. America has never needed pomp and display, nor does our country, for this reason, fail to bear its part in the court of nations.

Charley Notley, the Home Rule leader, is not the only man who is surprised and chagrined at the apathy of local voters. This apathy is helping to injure the chances of good government in Honolulu at a time when the city is given a matchless opportunity to shake off the encumbrances of incompetency and neglect that have clogged its progress in a shameful and baneful way.

A mainland divine says that women's dress grows more immoral each year because American styles are designed in France, forgetting that the scantiest costume on record was designed long before there was such a city as Gay Paree.

Now that Commissioner of Immigration Clark is touring Russia on a search for laborers, he might grab a few of the Czar's sailors who have quit work at Cronstadt. The territory has sampled most of the other varieties of Russians.

Late book for review, "Every Man His Own Partymaker, or the Tradition-Defeater's Defeat," in morocco, calf, half-calf and Bull Moose, by T. R.

The European powers are again engaged in the agreeable duty of carving slices off Turkey.

Col. Roosevelt has forgotten to include both Beverly and Seagirt in his campaign tour.

Is that suspension of the presidential salary designed to discourage Gov. Wilson?

The good health of the Decies baby negatives the pronunciation of its surname.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

FOR THE DECENT MAJORITY.

Honolulu, August 18, 1912.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—I would like to have you print the following article in your paper if you would be so kind:

Tonight we had Mlle. Camille Cameron, the singer, at the amusement hall at this place, and just after she had started to sing, some men in the back of the hall started to hiss and make fun of her. It was a very funny thing, but nobody tried to stop it until Mlle. Cameron spoke to them herself. There were close to eight hundred people in the hall, and about seven hundred and fifty people wanted to hear her sing and just on account of those few people who hadn't any manners, were classed with those people.

I am speaking for the decent people of the post that like a good show and enjoy every bit of it, but on account of the few indecent people, the theatre people do not like to come out here, as they think they will be insulted, but, as you know, all soldiers are judged by what a few soldiers do, so we really can not expect much.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this letter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

SCHOFIELD.

Schofield Barracks, Aug. 18, 1912.

NOT IN HULA DANCE.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—In justice to my sister, Miss O. K. Franca, who was a passenger to San Francisco by the last Sierra, I wish to say that, according to letters received here from her and other passengers, the article which appeared in the morning paper on the 15th inst., headed, "Hula Hula Costumes Startle Passengers," copied from a San Francisco paper, was erroneously reported. Miss Franca did not appear as a hula girl at any social function held on the Sierra.

The falsity of the article in question constitutes a wrong and an injustice against Miss Franca and her comrades. Publicity of this nature should never be permitted without a word of contradiction by the steamer's officers, for, unless facts are told, the names of passengers may easily be misinterpreted by such stories, even though they are, in most cases, told as jokes. Thanking you for space, I am, truly yours,

MARY F. CASTRO.

BUILD THE ARMY FOR COMFORT

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—I think the superintendent of public works should be heartily thanked for refusing to approve the plans for the armory as submitted by Col. Jones and the architect. It is too often the case in planning for buildings here that the fact that this is a warm, tropical climate is not taken into consideration. Let one go to the opera house of a warm evening, or to the Bishop hall at Punahou college and sit through an evening's entertainment if he wants to know what a sweat-box is like. It would be the height of folly to make a public hall in the center of a building surrounded on all sides or three sides by closed rooms. Public comfort should be considered in this structure, and it is to be hoped that that part of the building to be used either as a public hall or a drillroom, should be open on all sides if possible; three sides anyway. This is a tropical country, colonel, and give us fresh air—not a

HOTBOX.

FIRST OF FOURTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

At a well-attended meeting of the Republican club of the first precinct, Fourth District, last night it was decided to open club headquarters for the entire time from now to the election. A store belonging to Kaimuki Mercantile Co., at the end of the carline, was accordingly taken for headquarters and the first important use to which it will be put is that of a central place for enrollment of members. This was the principal business done last night, action being taken to make a new roll.

President A. F. Clark reported forty-five names on the present roll which are also on the roll of the Democratic club of the precinct. These will be required, according to the club's decision, to renounce that connection or have their names left off the roll. It is understood that the Democratic club will take similar action to purge its roll of voters of dual allegiance.

An enrollment committee was appointed, consisting of Daniel Logan, chairman; Henry J. Freitas, E. A. Douthitt, Ben Hollinger and H. T. Mills.

A presiding bishop of the Mormon church in Mexico declared that the property to be abandoned by Mormons in that country will amount to \$8,000,000.

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PERSONALITIES

MAYOR FERN is out again after a spell of severe illness.

CHARLES F. LOOMIS has resumed his duties at the Y. M. C. A. after a two weeks' vacation.

W. T. POLE, superintendent of the department of education, returned from Hilo this morning.

IVOR BACK, a British globe-trotter, is a through passenger in the Pacific Mail steamer Nile, en route to San Francisco.

A. E. LARIMER, head of the educational department of the Young Men's Christian Association, returned from Kauai Sunday.

A. R. TULLOCH has severed his position with the Y. M. C. A. and will enter the College of Hawaii next fall to carry on graduate work in chemistry.

MISS CHARLOTTE WILDER, the daughter of Consul General Wilder at Shanghai, China, is proceeding to the States as a passenger in the steamer Nile.

JOHN S. DICKSON, a well-known steamship man of British Columbia, is numbered among the through passengers traveling in the steamer Nile from the Orient to the mainland.

MR. AND MRS. S. A. WEIRMAN of Manila are returning to the United States in the steamer Nile. Mr. Weirman is connected with the insular government in the capacity of chemist.

HARRY T. ANSBRO, identified with Manila's business interests, is a through passenger in the Pacific Mail S. S. Nile, en route to the mainland for a vacation. He is accompanied by Mrs. Ansbro.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. GRAHAM, vaudeville performers, who recently closed an engagement at Honolulu and proceeded to the Far East, are returning to the United States in the P. M. S. Nile.

MR. AND MRS. S. C. PEOPLES, Professor and Mrs. W. Patton and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ridgers are members of a party of tourists who are returning to the mainland as passengers in the Pacific Mail liner Persia.

GEORGE K. BRASHER, an attorney at law with headquarters at Kansas City, is completing a round trip to the Orient as a passenger in the Pacific Mailer Nile. Attorney Brasher has been attending to business matters at Manila.

JUDGE L. M. SOUTHWORTH, prosecuting attorney for the city of Manila, and an eminent jurist in the Philippines, dating back to the early days of American occupation, is en route to the mainland in the steamer Nile on a well-earned vacation.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

SHERIFF JARRET—No, I haven't worried about politics much lately. We have been too busy over here and the weather is pretty warm, anyway.

PAUL SUPER—Captain Josselyn is a very interesting man and his lecture will undoubtedly be a treat to all who come to hear him. Final arrangements have not been completed yet, but it is not likely that the date will be set later than next week.

JAS. A. RATH—We have inaugurated a series of Sunday evening discussions at Palama Settlement participated in informally by those who attend the meetings, which are held at 6 o'clock. Last Sunday the subject under discussion was "The Right Use of the Ballot," in which I directed the train of thought. The Sunday before, Spencer Bowen spoke upon "Gardening." Mr. Bowen chooses the subjects for each Sunday evening.

A. V. GEAR—I am willing to lay a wager that the Senate will elect the next President of the United States, as an outcome of the deadlock that will happen in the electoral college. The House cannot do it, because it is the House as at present constituted, not the one to be elected this year, and the House is evenly divided by States, 22 to 22, with four States each evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats in representation, so that as each State has only one vote when it comes to electing the President, there will be a deadlock also in the House. Then it will be up to the Senate to elect the Vice-President, who will become President of the United States to fill the vacancy in that office according to the Constitution. The present Senate is Republican and will elect Taft.

MOTION TO QUASH IN ANDREWS SUIT DENIED

Attorney Andrews' motion to quash the order asked by Mrs. Andrews No. 1 to compel him to show cause why he should not be compelled to pay her the alimony of \$75 per month, as stipulated in the divorce decree, was denied by Circuit Judge Whitney this morning. Argument on the order requested by the attorney's former wife will be heard Thursday morning.

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The Hawaiian band will play this evening at the Aala Park mass meeting at seven o'clock. There will be no Thomas Square concert.

The manufacture of building stone from blast furnace slag is an industry which is now assuming considerable importance in Germany.

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